

SENATE BILL 2535

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 105, relative to blasting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-105-119, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) There is created in the department an advisory council on the commercial explosives industry. The advisory council consists of fourteen (14) members. The term of each member is three (3) years.

(b)

(1) The appointing authorities must be fair and nondiscriminatory when making appointments to the advisory council.

(2) The commissioner shall appoint twelve (12) members to the advisory council. A minimum of six (6) members must be registered blasters. Three (3) members must be representatives from other interested agencies.

(3) The speakers of the house of representatives and senate shall each appoint one (1) member of the public to the advisory council. The member of the public must:

(A) Have been affected by blasting;

(B) Have some knowledge of how to measure frequencies for
blasting; or

(C) Have knowledge of the technology associated with the
practice of blasting.

(c) The department is responsible for the administrative functions of the council.

(d) Each member must continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term until a successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(e) The respective appointing authorities may remove advisory council members appointed by them for misconduct, incompetence, or willful neglect of duty.

(f) The advisory council shall meet at least two (2) times every calendar year.

(g) Special meetings may be held at such times it is deemed necessary by the chair of the advisory council or by three (3) members of such council.

(h) It is the duty of the advisory council to assist the department in developing reasonable policies and regulations that will protect public safety while promoting efficiency and effectiveness.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.